

MEMORANDUM

27 September 1948

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FROM: Colonel White

RE: FBIB reportage of Tass release on Soviet note of 25 September 1948

Paragraph 1: These are quotes from our log book. In addition, Mr. Oechsner told the editor on duty that he would personally take this matter up with General Wright and, in general, berated FBIB and the editor on duty, which I did not appreciate and which I do not think very becoming to one in Mr. Oechsner's position.

Paragraph 3: We believe this is what happened: the Soviet monitor is located in London. say they know definitely that this sort of thing did happen many times during the war, and it is certainly one sure way to steal the march in such a case. It is true that our reception on Saturday night was very, very poor at both Reseda and Silver Hill and that Tass was most of the time unintelligible. However, our investigation in the case proves rather conclusively that this broadcast was not put out by Tass in anything monitorable in this country before 8:30 AM EST Sunday.

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I feel very strongly that FBIB did a good job on this score and regret very much that we are being blamed by the State Department and others for failure due entirely to the fact that they do not understand our operation, its capabilities, etc. A series of such incidents might produce a very unhealthy reputation for us, even though in each instance we might have done our very best. If you and General Wright concur, I therefore think it very advisable that I have the opportunity to present to the people in the State Department on a high level a short story not only of this incident but of our general capabilities and limitations.

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